



INTRODUCTION

On March 7th of 2019 **Biblioteca Nacional Aruba** launched its digital collections platform.

As of June 2019, this resource, developed in partnership (and hosted by) the **Internet Archive**, holds **over 1000 publications** and **over 2000 audiovisual items**, including dozens of borrowable and/or freely readable e-books on local topics, mostly in the local language Papiamentu.

These publications, which span over 440 years (1577-2019), have all been digitized in-house. These books are, almost without exception, titles that are not available in any commercial e-book subscription database, for reasons of scale, audience, and/or language:

1. most books published on Aruba or about Aruba have been published in limited runs/small numbers or have become very rare.
2. collections housed in island libraries, especially when they contain rare texts/materials have a very big logistical and geographical disadvantage: traditionally, one had to travel to access them.

With this new platform, researchers from across the globe—including Arubans studying in Europe, Canada, the USA and the Latin/Caribbean region—will have easy access to "their" materials, readily available, through browsing and full text search 24/7.

<http://bna.aw/digital>



INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS TO SAFEGUARD CULTURAL HERITAGE

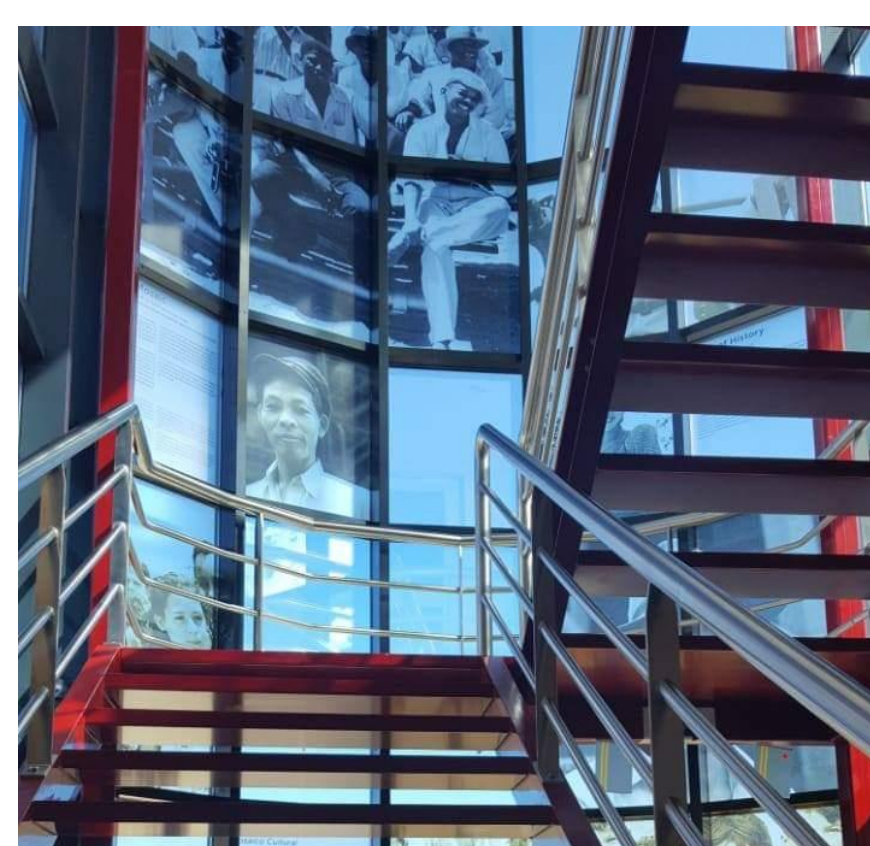


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LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

GLAMs: *Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums*:

- Archivo Nacional Aruba: co-authored national digitization standards, knowledge exchange
- Fundacion Museo Arubano: joint research projects, interlinkages of collections



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Archive.org: digital collection platform, cloud backups, web archiving
- Netwerk Digitaal Erfgoed (NL): digital heritage network
- Wikimedia Foundation (NL): Wiki Goes Caribbean project
- Travelling Caribbean Heritage (NL, Dutch Caribbean)
- Mediawijzer (NL; network for Media and Information Literacy)
- Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC)



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 Good Governance + Education →
 Participative Democracy

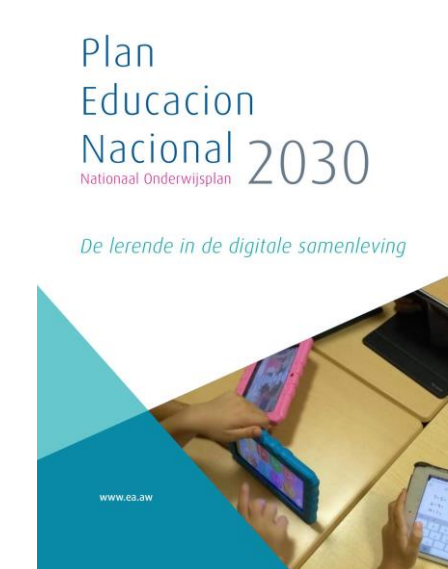
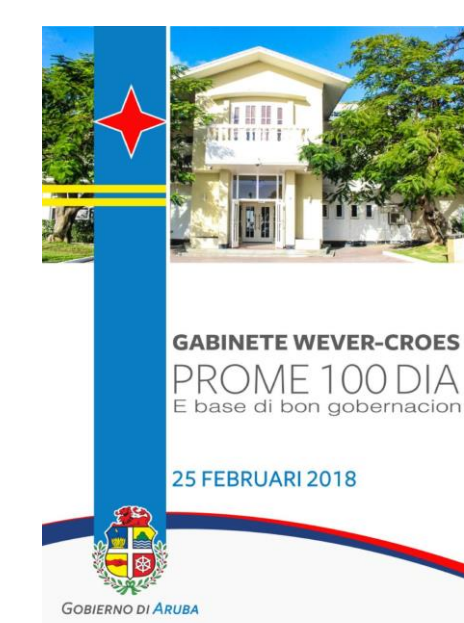
QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING AS A PATH TO PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Supporting the Aruban (digital) curriculum by providing access to:

- Literature and Source Texts in all official languages: Papiamentu and Dutch (and in other modern languages spoken and/or taught on the island: English, Spanish, French, German)
- Primary and Secondary sources on Aruba's language, history and culture
- Historical photographs, maps, and other audiovisual resources
- Theses, Dissertations and other scientific publications



PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Open access to (government) information and data such as:

- Government Publications
- Laws, Regulations
- Policy Plans, Statistical Data and Reports



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